

# MIXED EW-QCD HELICITY AMPLITUDES FOR DRELL-YAN LEPTON PAIR PRODUCTION

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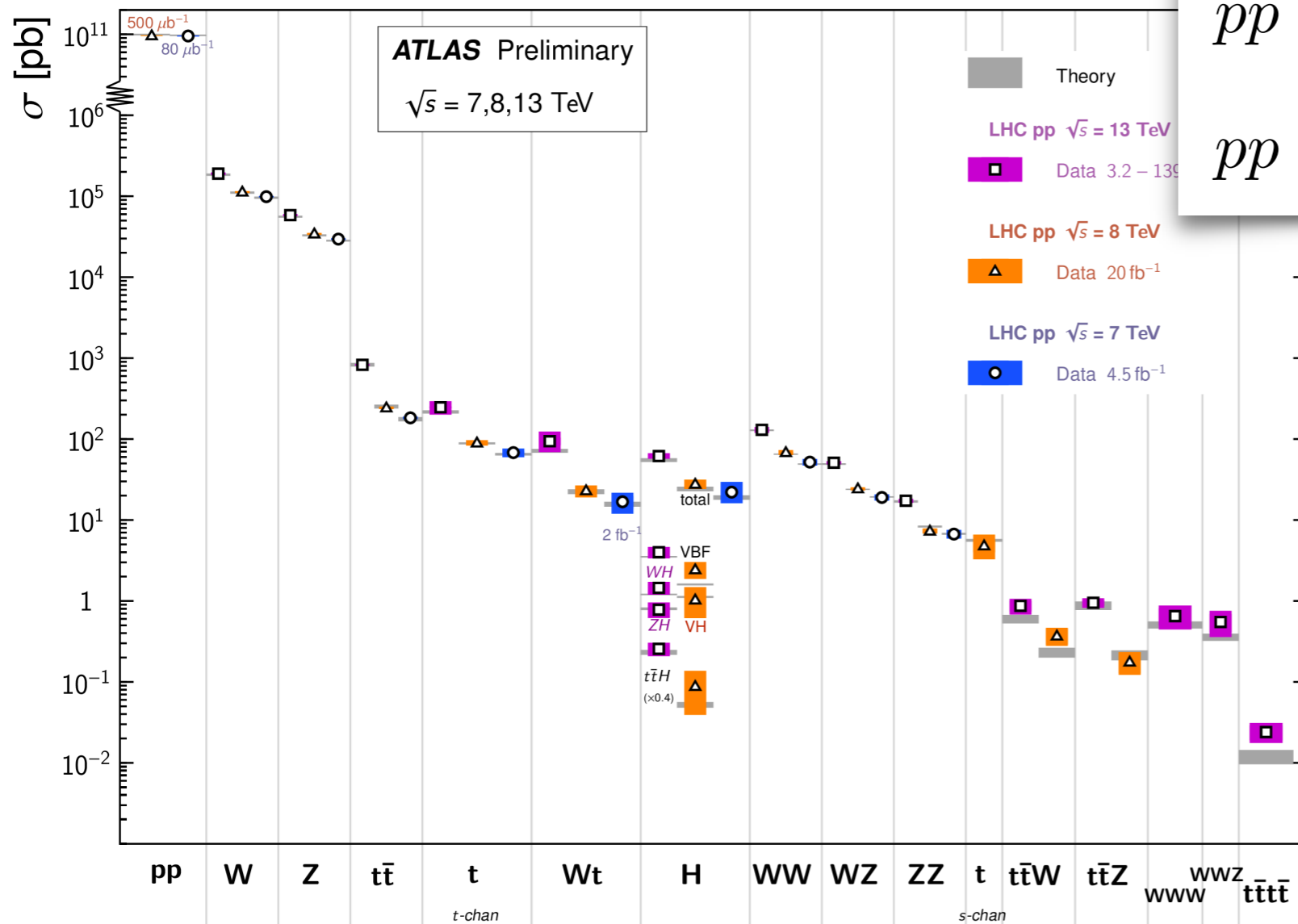
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# DRELL-YAN PROCESS @ LHC

Standard Model Total Production Cross Section Measurements Status: March 202



$$pp \rightarrow l^- l^+ + X, \quad l = e, \mu \quad (\text{NC})$$

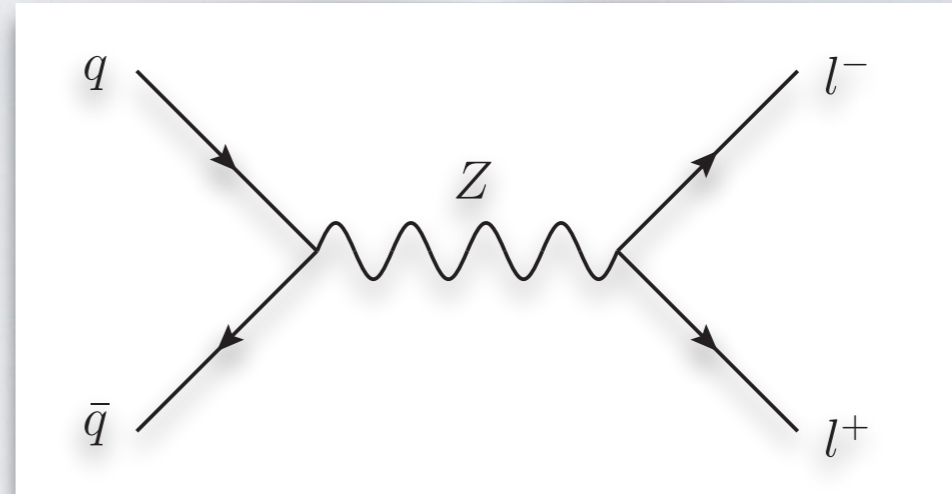
$$pp \rightarrow l^\mp \nu_l^{(-)} + X, \quad l = e, \mu \quad (\text{CC})$$

- W/Z mass,  $\sin \theta_W$ , new resonances, PDFs
- “easy” signature (but see below)

Z  $\rightarrow$   $\mu\mu$  candidate event, with 65 additional reconstructed primary vertices.

# PERTURBATIVE CORRECTIONS

- LO: quark-pair initiated s-channel
- QCD on-shell: NNLO +  $W, \gamma^*$  N3LO  
*[Hamberg, van Neerven, Matsuura '91, Harlander, Kilgore '02, Anastasiou, Dixon, Melnikov, Petriello '03, Melnikov, Petriello '06, Duhr, Dulat, Mistlberger '20,'20]*
- QED on-shell NC: NNLO  
*[Berends, van Neerven, Burgers '88, Blümlein, De Freitas, Raab, Schönwald '19]*
- EW: NLO  
*[Baur, Brein, Hollik, Schappacher, Wackerroth '01, Dittmaier, Krämer '01, Baur, Wackerroth '04], ...*
- Mixed QED-QCD:  
off-shell (no Z) *[Kilgore, Sturm '11]*; on-shell Z *[de Florian, Der, Fabre '18, Delto, Jaquier, Melnikov, Röntsch '19]*
- Partial mixed EW-QCD in resonance region:  
*[Dittmaier, Huss, Schwinn '14,'15, Carloni Calame et al '16]*

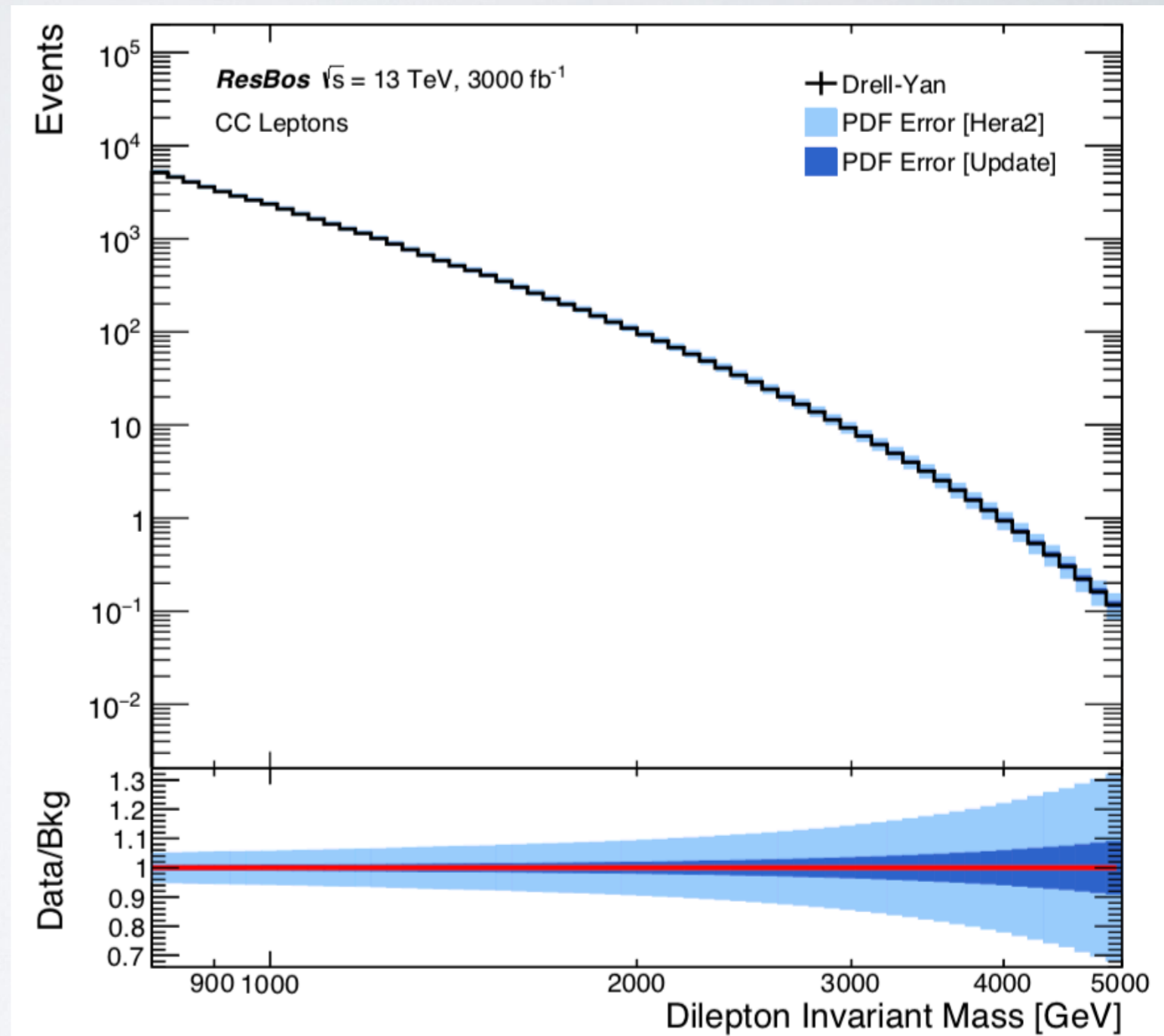


# EW-QCD ON-SHELL Z/W

- $N_f$  for on-shell Z/W, complex mass [*Dittmaier, Schmidt, Schwarz '20*]
- Total Z+X cross section [*Bonciani, Buccioni, Rana, Vicini '20*]  
talk N. Rana (Wed)
- Differential W+X cross section (nested subtraction)  
[*Behring, Buccioni, Caola, Delta, Jaquier, Melnikov, Röntsch '20, '21*]  
talk A. Behring (Mon)
- $\alpha$  and  $\alpha\alpha_s$  can be of similar order
- Cancellations between partonic channels (also for N3LO)

# HIGH INVARIANT MASSES

- High invariant mass region important for new physics
- Uncertainties: EW + PDF
- PDF:  
use control region  $< 1$  TeV  
to improve multi-TeV region  
*[Willis, Brock, Hayden, Hou,  
Isaacson, Schmidt, Yuan '19]*



# EW-QCD AT HIGH INVARIANT MASS

- Consider dilepton final state instead of V production

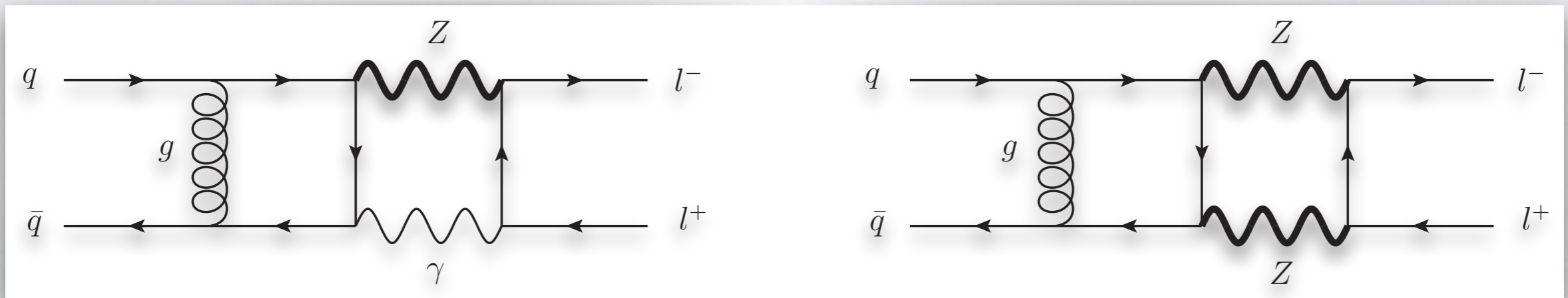
- $\mathcal{O}(\alpha\alpha_s)$  corrections  $\mathcal{O}(-20\%)$  for  $l\nu$  at  $p_T=500$  GeV

*[Buonocore, Grazzini, Kallweit, Savoini, Tramontano '21]*

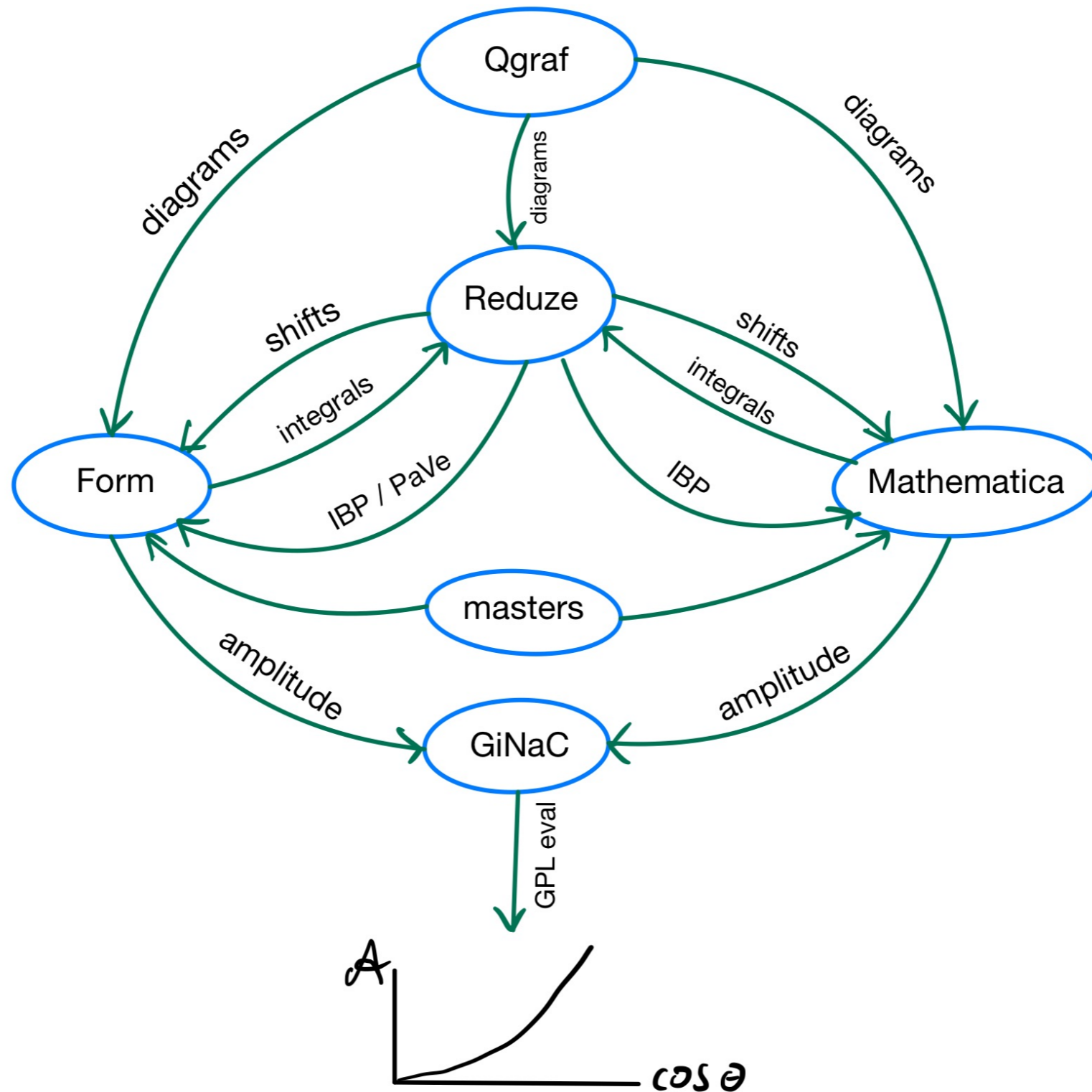
*talk L. Buonocore (Thu)*

- Missing: two-loop virtuals CC/NC

- *This talk:  $l^+l^-$  two-loop amplitudes*



# TOOLS



# $\gamma_5$ AND D DIMENSIONS

- Problem:  $\gamma_5$  really a *4-dimensional* object

$$\text{tr} \{ \gamma_\mu \gamma_\nu \gamma_\rho \gamma_\sigma \gamma_5 \} = -4i \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}$$

- What to do in *dimensional regularization* ?

- *Split* d dimensional space  $\rightarrow$  4 dim (bar) +  $\epsilon$  dim (hat)

$$k^\mu = \bar{k}^\mu + \hat{k}^\mu$$

$$\gamma^\mu = \bar{\gamma}^\mu + \hat{\gamma}^\mu, \text{ keep } \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \text{ 4-dimensional: } \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\alpha} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\beta} = -6 \bar{g}_{\alpha\beta} \text{ etc}$$

- Option 1: *'t Hooft, Veltman [’72], Breitenlohner, Maison [’77]* (HVBM)

$$\{ \bar{\gamma}_\mu, \gamma_5 \} = 0$$

$$[ \hat{\gamma}_\mu, \gamma_5 ] = 0$$

give up *anti-commutativity* (violates Ward identities)

- Option 2: *Kreimer [’90]*

$$\{ \gamma_\mu, \gamma_5 \} = 0$$

give up *cyclicity* of Dirac trace (requires reading point)



# SETUP AND $\mu$ TERMS

- *3 different setups* for our calculation:
  1. HVBM scheme + projectors + mu-terms
  2. Kreimer's scheme + projectors + mu-terms
  3. Kreimer's scheme + tensor reduction of integrals / spin-summed interference
- HVBM + Kreimer: short Dirac chains
- HVBM: split indices before Dirac trace, Kreimer: no split for Dirac trace
- Tensor integrals with  $\epsilon$  *dim loop momenta* ( $\mu$  *terms*) from parametric representation,

$$\left[ D_7 (\hat{k}_1 \cdot \hat{k}_1)^2 \right] = 2\epsilon(\epsilon - 1) \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Diagram 1} \\ \text{Diagram 2} \\ \text{Diagram 3} \\ \text{Diagram 4} \end{array} \right]$$

The diagrams are Feynman diagrams for a 7-loop process. Each diagram has external lines and a loop with a Dirac trace  $[D_7]$ . The diagrams are arranged in a 2x2 grid with plus and minus signs between them. The top-left diagram is the tensor integral. The other three diagrams are scalar integrals with different internal line topologies. The overall expression is multiplied by  $2\epsilon(\epsilon - 1)$ .

+ standard reduction techniques

# SYMMETRY RESTORATION

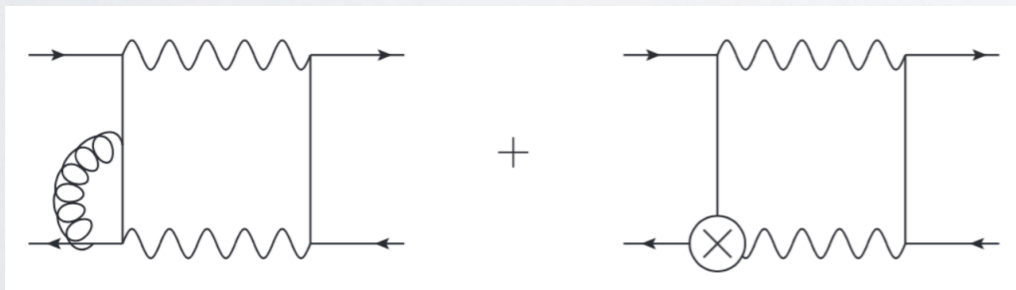
- In HVBM, corrections to *vector and axial-vector currents* differ
- Restore *Ward identities* by adding counter terms
- For vertex, *require*

$$\bar{\mathcal{A}}_{Z\bar{q}q}^{(0,1)}(s) = -\frac{a_q}{v_q} \bar{\mathcal{V}}_{Z\bar{q}q}^{(0,1)}(s)$$

- Implement by adding *counter terms*

$$\begin{aligned} \delta Z_{Z\bar{q}q}^{(0,1)} &= \bar{\mathcal{A}}_{Z\bar{q}q}^{(0,1)}(s) - \mathcal{A}_{Z\bar{q}q}^{(0,1)}(s) \\ &= 2 a_q \frac{(2 - \epsilon)\Gamma^2(1 - \epsilon)\Gamma(1 + \epsilon)e^{\gamma_E\epsilon}}{(1 - \epsilon)\Gamma(2 - 2\epsilon)} C_F e^{i\pi\epsilon} \left(\frac{\mu^2}{s}\right)^\epsilon \end{aligned}$$

- Remark 1: need also symmetry restoring counter terms in *boxes*



- Remark 2: we keep also the *higher order  $\epsilon$  terms* for the counter term

# FORM FACTORS

- Computation of projectors to extract form factors, start in  $d$  dimensions:

$$i\mathcal{A}_{\text{DY}} = i \sum_{\alpha=1}^{16} \mathbf{C}_{\alpha} T_{\alpha}, \quad M_{\alpha\beta} = \sum_{\text{spin,color}} T_{\alpha}^{\dagger} T_{\beta}, \quad \mathbf{C}_{\alpha} = \sum_{\text{spin,color}} \mathcal{P}_{\alpha} i\mathcal{A}_{\text{DY}}, \quad \mathcal{P}_{\alpha} = -i \sum_{\beta=1}^{16} M_{\alpha\beta}^{-1} T_{\beta}^{\dagger}$$

- Out of 16, only *4 tensors independent* in  $d = 4$ , equal to number of *helicity amplitudes*.
- How to ignore remaining 12 tensors ? Note:  $M^{-1}$  *diverges* for  $d \rightarrow 4$  !
- *Change basis* of tensors

$$T'_1 = T_1, \quad T'_2 = T_2, \quad T'_{\alpha} = T_{\alpha} + \sum_{\beta=1}^2 R_{\alpha\beta} T_{\beta} \quad \text{for } \alpha = 3 \dots 8$$

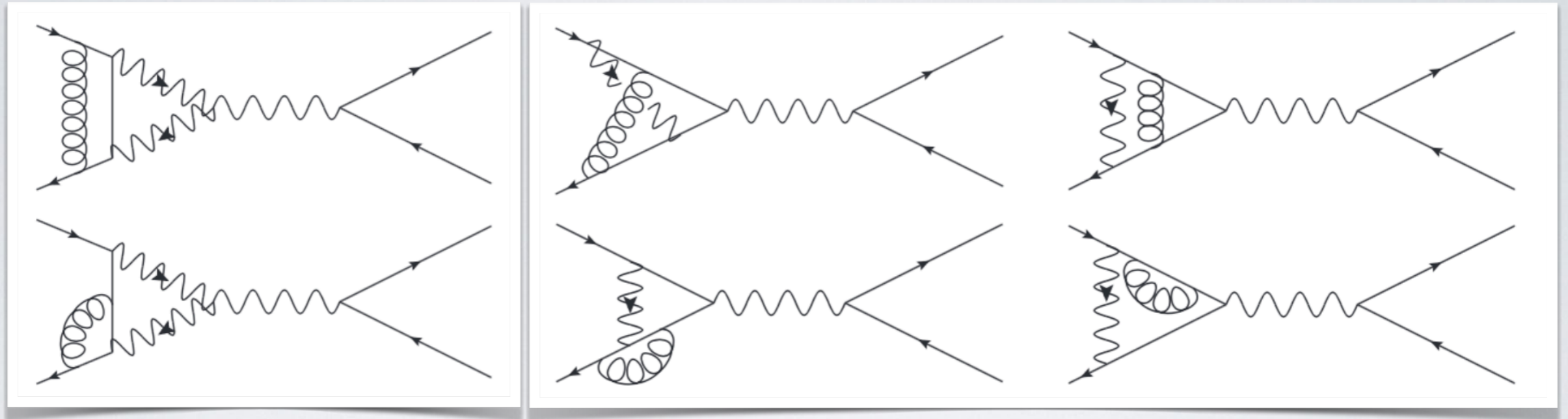
such that irrelevant directions *decouple* exactly in  $d$  dimensions [Peraro, Tancredi '19, '20]

$$(M'_{\alpha\beta}) = \sum_{\text{spin,color}} (T'_{\alpha}{}^{\dagger} T'_{\beta}) = (RMR^{\dagger}) = \begin{pmatrix} M'_{2 \times 2} & 0 \\ 0 & M'_{6 \times 6} \end{pmatrix}$$

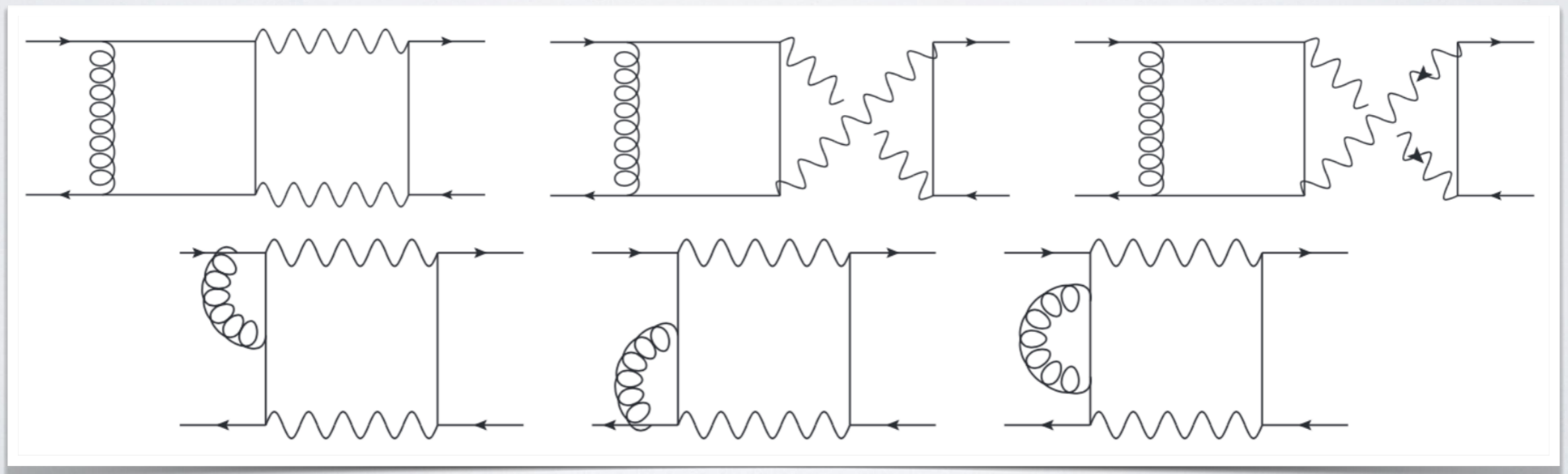
- $M_{2 \times 2}^{-1}$  is *regular* for  $d \rightarrow 4$ , irrelevant directions contribute only at order  $d - 4$  !
- **Result:** exact  $d$  dim. projectors for relevant form factors and subtraction terms ( $\gamma_5$  scheme dep.), irrelevant ones not needed for finite remainder
- [see also: Chen '19, Ahmed et al '19]

# FEYNMAN DIAGRAMS

Examples for vertex corrections at two loops:

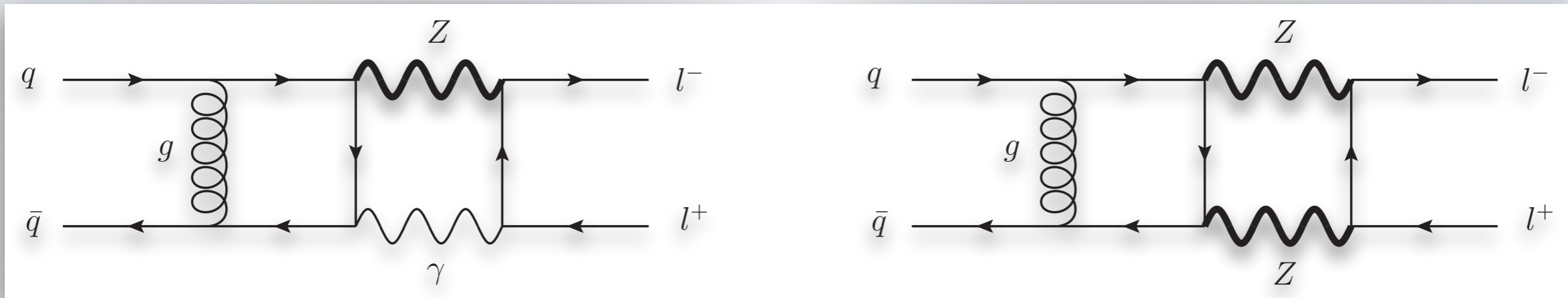


Examples for box corrections at two-loops:



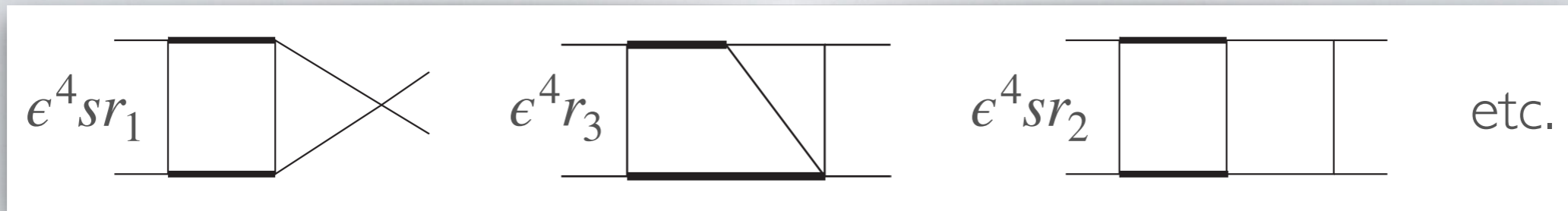
# MASTER INTEGRALS

- *Feynman diagrams* with one and two masses:



- Master integrals:
  - 1-fold integral over polylogarithms (Euclidean region)  
*[Bonciani, Di Vita, Mastrolia, Schubert '16]*
  - Multiple polylogarithms (physical region)  
*[AvM, Schabinger '17, Heller, AvM, Schabinger '19]*
  - $\log(m_e)$  terms for single  $Z$  exchange boxes  
*[Hasan, Schubert '20]*

# NON RATIONALIZABLE ROOTS



- Use *differential equations*, integrals allow for  $\epsilon$  basis [Henn '13]

$$d\vec{m} = \epsilon \operatorname{dlog}(l_a) \hat{A}^{(a)} \vec{m}$$

- Leading singularities introduce 3 roots into the letters:

$$r_1 = \sqrt{s(s - 4m^2)}, \quad r_2 = \sqrt{-st(4m^2(t + m^2) - st)}, \quad r_3 = \sqrt{s(t^2(s - 4m^2) + sm^2(m^2 - 2t))}$$

- Reparametrization  $s = -m^2(1 - w)^2/w$ ,  $t = -m^2w(1 + z)^2/(z(1 + w)^2)$  rationalizes 2 out of 3 roots,

$$r = \sqrt{4(1 - w)^2wz^2 + (w + z)^2(1 + wz)^2}$$

is *not rationalizable* [van Straten '14, Besier, Festi, Harrison, Naskrecki '19]

- Integrals with explicit square roots in terms of Chen-iterated integrals, polylogs, ... [Caron-Huot, Henn '14, Ablinger, Blümlein, Raab, Schneider '14, Papadopoulos, Tommasini, Wever '15, Bonciani et al '16, AvM, Tancredi '17, Abreu et al '20, Chicherin, Sotnikov '20, Syrrakos '20, Kreel, Weinzierl '21] and many more

# DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION

- *Given a dlog form with non-rationalizable roots*

$$d\vec{m} = \epsilon \operatorname{dlog}(l_a) \hat{A}^{(a)} \vec{m}$$

e.g.  $l_{13} = -(1-w)(z-w)(1-wz) + (1+w)\sqrt{4(1-w)^2wz^2 + (w+z)^2(1+wz)^2}$

- *Question: integrable via multiple polylogarithms w/o spurious letters ?*
  - Can't integrate in terms of GPLs in filtration basis
  - Match against ansatz ? *[Duhr, Gangl, Rhodes '11]*
  - Not all dlog forms describe multiple polylogs ! *[Brown, Duhr '20]*
  - $r = \sqrt{4(1-w)^2wz^2 + (w+z)^2(1+wz)^2}$  elliptic curve ?

# AMBIGUITIES IN LETTERS

*talk B. Page (Tue)*

- *Rational letters:*

$$\mathcal{L}_R = \{1 - w, -w, 1 + w, 1 - w + w^2, 1 - z, -z, 1 + z, 1 - wz, 1 + w^2z, -z - w^2, z - w\}$$

- *Initial algebraic letters:*

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_A = \{ & r, -(1 - w)(z - w)(1 - wz) + r(1 + w), \\ & -(1 - w)(4wz + (w + z)(1 + wz)) - r(1 + w), \\ & r^2 - 2wz^2(1 - w)^2 + r(w + z)(1 + wz), \\ & r^2(1 - z)^2 + 2z^2(z + w^2)(1 + w^2z) + r(1 - z)(1 + z)(2wz - (w + z)(1 + wz))\end{aligned}$$

$$r = \sqrt{4(1 - w)^2wz^2 + (w + z)^2(1 + wz)^2}$$

combinatorial complexity prevents construction of solution based on these letters

- *New algorithm to construct improved algebraic letters:*

$$\mathcal{L}_{\tilde{A}} = \left\{ r, \frac{1}{2}(2 + z - w + wz(w + z) + r), \frac{1}{2}(2w^2 + z - w + wz(w + z) + r), \frac{1}{2}(- (w + z)(1 - wz) + r), \frac{1}{2}(- (z - w)(1 + wz) + r) \right\}$$



# SUCCESS THROUGH SIMPLICITY

- *Algorithm* to construct improved letters:
  - Make an ansatz  $l = x + \sqrt{\quad}$  and require  $l\bar{l}$  factorizes over the rational part of the alphabet.
  - Pick simple letters. Make  $\sqrt{\quad}$  a letter. For several roots, consider also products of roots.
- *Factorizations* either using polynomial rings or (cheaper) using numerical sample and integer relation algorithm:
  - $g = l_1^{a_1} l_2^{a_2} \dots$  implies integer relation between logs:  
$$\log(g) - a_1 \log(l_1) - a_2 \log(l_2) - \dots = 0$$
- *Construct* multiple polylogs w/o spurious letters, **successfully match deq !**

# ANALYTIC RESULT

- Solve diff. eqs. by *expansions*, fit precise numerics to transport boundary constants analytically [*Lee, Smirnov, Smirnov '18, Heller, AvM, Schabinger '19, Moriello '19, ..., Hidding '20, ...*]

*talk M. Hidding (Tue)*

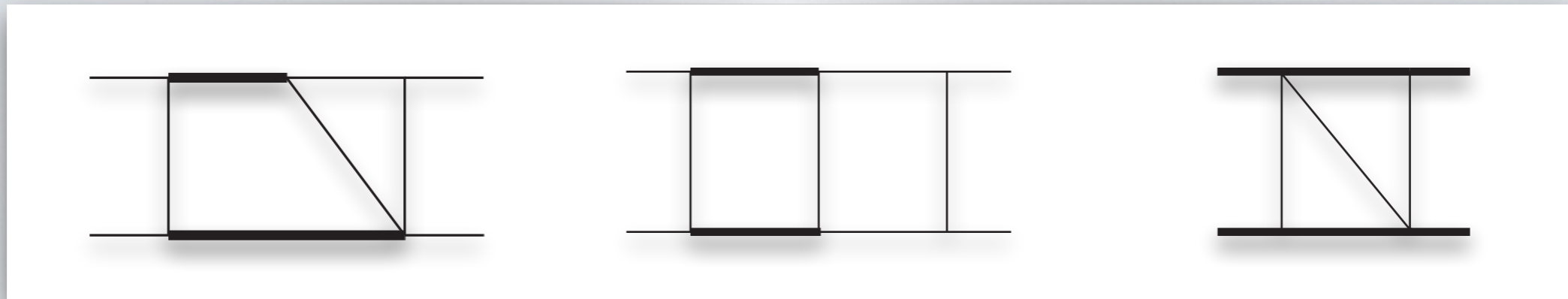
- *Analytic result in terms of standard multiple polylogs possible* despite provably non-rationalizable roots:

$$m_{32} = \epsilon^3 \left[ 4 \operatorname{Li}_3 \left( \frac{l_1 l_2 l_6 l_7 l_{10} l_{13}}{l_{14} l_{15} l_{16}} \right) - 2 \operatorname{Li}_3 \left( \frac{l_2^3 l_6 l_7^2}{l_{15} l_{16}} \right) + \dots + 4 \operatorname{Li}_2 \left( \frac{l_6 l_{14} l_{16}}{l_7 l_9 l_{15}} \right) \ln(l_3) + \dots \right] \\ + \epsilon^4 \left[ - \operatorname{Li}_{2,2} \left( -\frac{l_1^2 l_3 l_{15}}{l_2^2 l_7 l_{14}}, \frac{l_2^2 l_7 l_{15}}{l_1 l_3 l_6 l_{14}} \right) + \dots + \frac{701}{4} \operatorname{Li}_4 \left( \frac{l_1 l_3^2 l_6^2 l_9 l_{14}}{l_2 l_7 l_{13} l_{15} l_{16}} \right) + \dots \right] + O(\epsilon^5)$$

*[Heller, AvM, Schabinger 2019]*

- No spurious letters, simple constants
- $\mathcal{O}(1s)$  **all integrals** for generic point, double precision  
*[Vollinga, Weinzierl '04]*

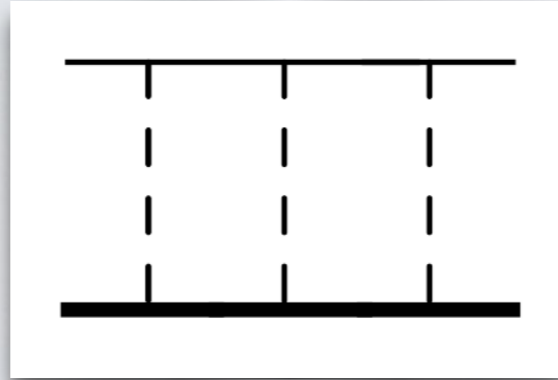
# MATHEMATICAL SCOPE



- We also considered DY integrals and planar Bhabha [*Henn, Smirnov '13*] integrals in *direct integration* approach [*Brown '08, Panzer '14*]
- Found *variable changes* to prove polylogs to *all orders in  $\epsilon$*  [*Heller, AvM, Schabinger 2019*]
- Obtained explicit results, but rather useless in practice
- DY and Bhabha K3s not isomorphic [*Besier, Festi, Harrison, Naskrecki '19*]

talk V. Smirnov (Tue)

# $e\mu$ SCATTERING: 4 ROOTS



*talk S. Weinzierl (Thu)*

*[Heller '21]*

- Leading singularities introduce four roots  $[x, y = (m_1^2 \pm m_2^2)/(2s), z = t/s]$

$$r_1 = \sqrt{1 - 4x + 4y^2}, \quad r_2 = \sqrt{-4xz + 4yz + z^2}, \quad r_3 = \sqrt{-4xz - 4yz + z^2},$$

$$r_4 = \sqrt{1 - 4x + 4y^2 + 2z - 4xz + z^2}.$$

- $\epsilon$  dlog basis, initially 30 complicated letters, deg 4 in x,y,z
- Algorithm gives 20 simplified letters (no rationalization at all)

$$\mathcal{L}_R = \left\{ x - y, x + y, -1 + 4x - 4y^2 - z, z \right\}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_A = \left\{ r_1, r_2, r_3, r_4, \frac{1}{2}(-1 + 2y + r_1), \frac{1}{2}(1 + 2y + r_1), \frac{1}{2}(r_2 + z), \frac{1}{2}(r_3 + z), \right.$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(-1 + 2x - z + r_4), \frac{1}{2}(r_2 + r_1 + r_4), \frac{1}{2}(r_3 + r_1 + r_4), \frac{1}{2}(r_2 - r_1 - r_4),$$

$$\left. \frac{1}{2}(r_3 - r_1 - r_4), \frac{1}{2}(r_1 - r_3 - r_4), \frac{1}{2}(r_1 - r_2 - r_4), \frac{1}{2}(z(-2 + 4x - z) + r_2 r_3) \right\}$$

- Construct G functions of power products of letters, obtain analytic solution

# BACK TO DY: RATIONAL COEFFICIENTS

Univariate partial fractions separate terms with different poles:

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In[1]:= Apart[ $\frac{1}{x(1+x)}$ , x]
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Out[1]=  $\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{1+x}$

Let's consider a multivariate example:

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In[2]:= multi =  $\frac{2y-x}{y(x+y)(y-x)}$ ;
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Naive iteration introduces spurious poles (here 1/x) for multivariate case:

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In[3]:= Apart[multi, y]
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Out[3]=  $\frac{1}{xy} + \frac{1}{2x(-x+y)} - \frac{3}{2x(x+y)}$

Solution: multivariate partial fractions using methods from polynomial ideal theory:

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In[4]:= << MultivariateApart`
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MultivariateApart -- Multivariate partial fractions. By Matthias Heller and Andreas von Manteuffel.
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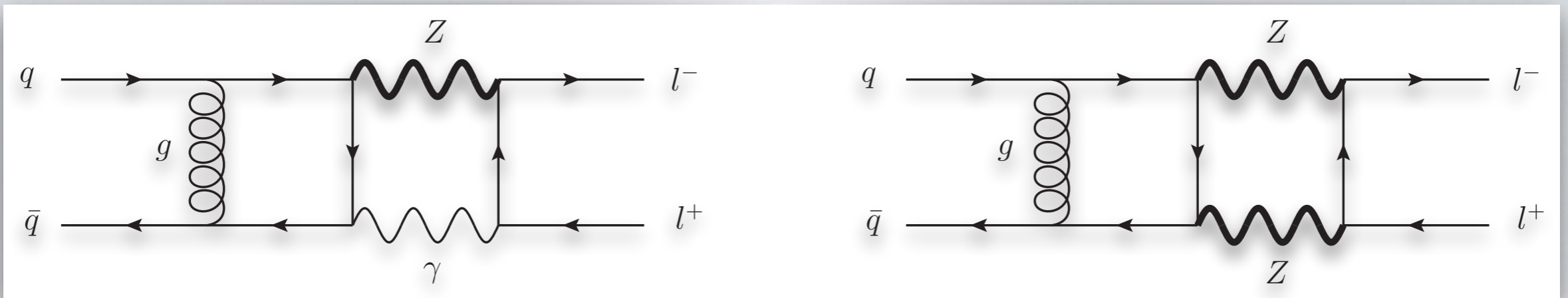
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In[5]:= MultivariateApart[multi]
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Out[5]=  $-\frac{1}{2(x-y)y} + \frac{3}{2y(x+y)}$

Note: minimize denominator degrees ( $\neq$  Leinartas)

*[Pak '11, Abreu et al '19, Boehm et al '20, Heller et al '21, Bendle et al '21]*

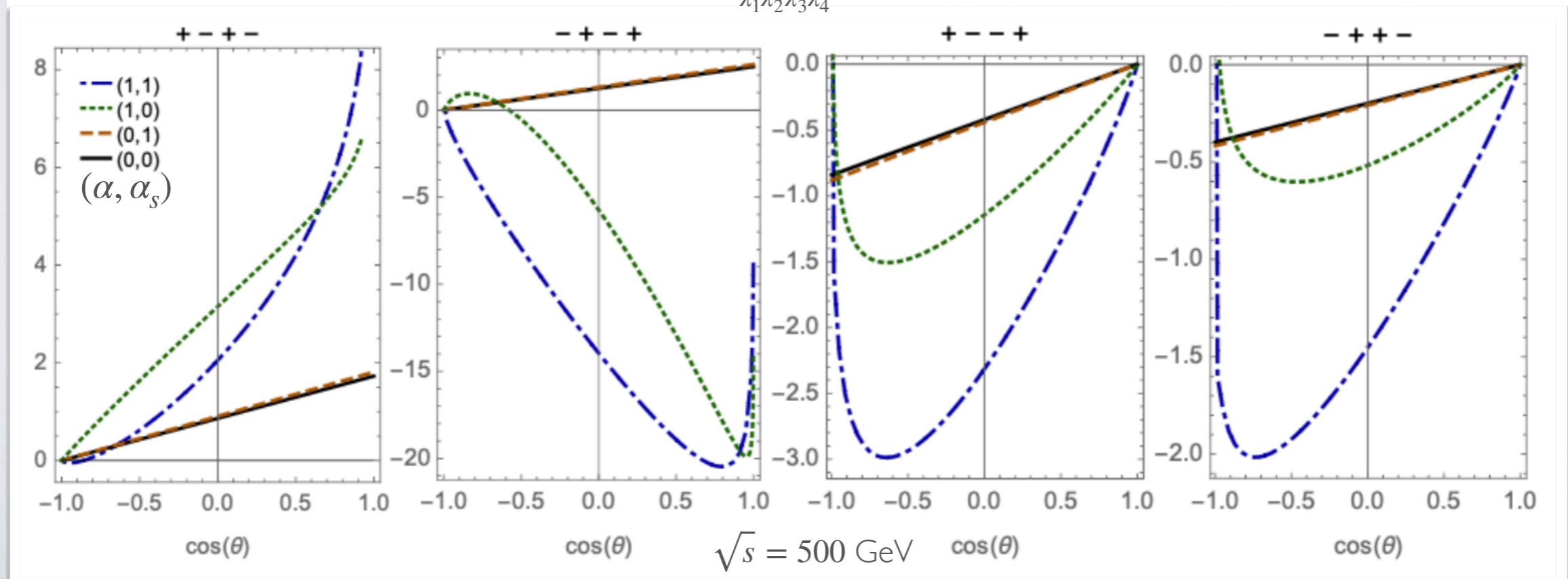
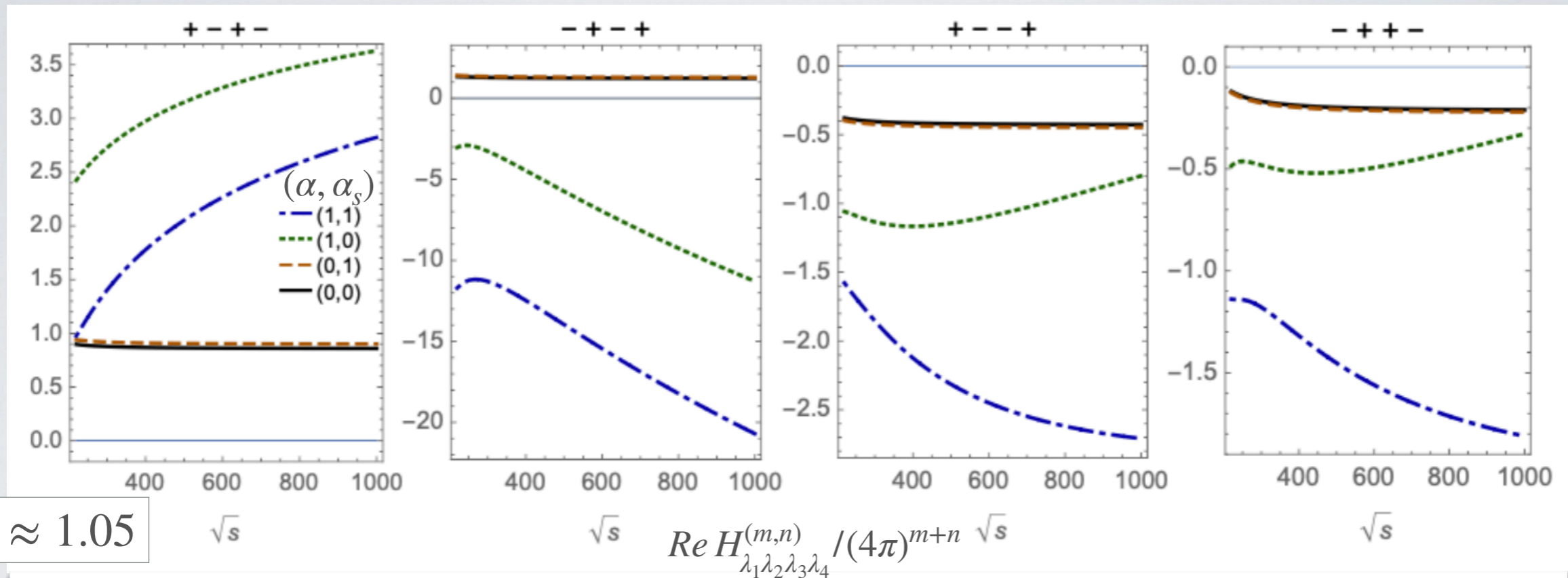
# RESULTS FOR AMPLITUDES



- Calculated  $O(\alpha_s)$ ,  $O(\alpha)$ ,  $O(\alpha_s\alpha)$  helicity amplitudes
- Analytic UV and IR cancellation
- $\gamma^5$  *scheme dependence* (after adding symmetry restoring counter terms):
  - $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^1)$ ,  $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)$  one-loop remainders and  $\mathcal{O}(1/\epsilon)$ ,  $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^0)$  bare two-loop: **scheme and reading point dependent**
  - Finite remainders: **coincide between schemes**

# HELICITY AMPLITUDES

[Heller, AvM, Schabinger, Spiesberger 2020]



# CONCLUSIONS

- *$\mathcal{O}(\alpha\alpha_s)$  corrections to  $l^+l^-$  production at high energies:*
  - ✓ *analytic two-loop amplitudes*
- *Algorithm for multiple polylogs of algebraic arguments:*
  - ✓ *Monte-Carlo friendly master integrals*
- *New MultivariateApart decomposition:*
  - ✓ *optimized denominator powers*
- *HVBM and Kreimer's  $\gamma_5$  schemes:*
  - ✓ *viable options for two-loop EW boxes*